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August 2, 2006

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *JE Fielding*  
Acting Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION TO EXECUTE DELEGATED AUTHORITY - NOTICE OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR BIOTERRORISM - AMENDMENTS NOS. 8 AND 9**

This is to advise you that the Department of Public Health (Department) will exercise its delegated authority, approved by your Board on March 7, 2006, (see attached) to execute Amendment No. 8 and No. 9 to Notice of Cooperative Agreement No. U90/CCU917012-06 from the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Amendment No. 8 reflects a redirection of Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism (PHPRB) funds in the amount of \$5,888,867 between different budget categories, to fund additional Equipment (\$1,143,365), Supplies (\$58,360), Travel (\$53,416), and Contractual Projects (\$4,633,726) to meet grant obligations. The Contractual Project includes additional funding of \$340,025 and \$222,608 for contractual obligations with Atlas Development (modifications and enhancements to the Department's Disease Reporting System) and The SIMI Group (maintenance and modification of the Health Alert Network Notification System) respectively.

Amendment No. 9 reflects a redirection of PHPRB funds in the amount of \$3,337,072 between different budget categories, to fund additional Consultant (\$10,380), Equipment (\$28,748), Travel (\$13,266) and Contractual Projects (\$3,284,678). The additional Contractual Projects includes \$2,570,954 to amend the contract with Public Health Foundation Enterprises Inc. to coordinate with community partners for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response activities.

This redirection of funds included in amendments 8 and 9 does not affect the total CDC's Financial Assistance of \$42,680,553.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
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Acting Director of Health Services

At its meeting held March 7, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Acting Director of Health Services' recommendation to authorize the Acting Director to accept amendment to Notice of Cooperative Agreement (NCA) from the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which increases the original NCA amount from a total of \$27,933,032 to \$35,424,780, an increase of \$7,491,748 in carry-over unobligated funds from a prior year NCA award for the period of August 31, 2004 to August 30, 2005, to continue activities to support and upgrade the County's preparedness for the response to bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious disease, and other public health threats and emergencies for the period of August 31, 2005 through August 30, 2006, at no net County cost; and authorize the Acting Director to accept and execute any subsequent amendments to the NCA, to adjust funding which does not exceed 25% of the NCA for the funding period of August 31, 2005 through August 30, 2006.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Board.

After discussion, the following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe:

"The Department of Health Services/Public Health has received Federal dollars which were earmarked for bioterrorism preparedness. Reports allege that part of the grant monies may have been of questionable value or purpose in the bioterrorism preparation efforts."

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the Acting Director of Health Services' attached recommendations;
2. Instructed the Auditor-Controller and Chief Administrative Officer to conduct a full audit and review of the Public Health Federal grants and funds earmarked for bioterrorism preparedness and the utilization of the funds provided and report back to the Board in 30 days; and
3. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare guidelines *regarding receipt and spending of Federal and State grant dollars*, including a requirement that any grant monies will be spent as intended or returned if not spent in the appropriate time period.

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